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"Forest Service Family" Helps Flood Victims

by Norm Schluessler, Transportation Planner,
Clearwater NF, SO, Orofino, Idaho



Home of Brooks and Jenny Beegle was destroyed when a landslide crashed into the house February 8.

The Forest Service family is alive, well and taking care of its own.

"We were just overwhelmed with the support, the generosity, and how people have taken such an interest and shown such a concern — more than we could ever dream of," said flood victim Sandi McFarland, an archaeologist for the Clearwater National Forest, based at the Supervisor's Office.

The second flood victim, Brooks Beegle, echoed Sandi's sentiments. "Everybody's just been extremely supportive. It's been a rough and muddy road. I don't think we could have made it without everybody's support." He added, "It's not only helped me as a member of the Forest Service family. It's helped my family. Brooks is a hydrologic technician based at the Clearwater NF SO.

The Beegles—Brooks, wife Jenny, daughters Lacy, 7, and Amber, 6—got a phone call early Thursday morning, February 8. The message: Get out of your house, now. Neighbors sounded the alarm after going outside to find out why their dog was barking. They heard the rumbling, a sound like a jet engine. It was the sound of the earth moving — mud, rocks and trees. They rushed back inside to call the Beegles.

Soon after the call, the back window of the Beegle home broke as a torrent of water and mud poured in. Their dog, "Birdy," was the last family member to be handed out the front window as Brooks waded knee deep

in the muddy mess. The early morning light found Brooks and Jenny looking over their former home. The house was off its foundation and filled with wet, oozing mud almost to the roof. It was a total loss; most of the contents were destroyed. Furnishings were found in the center of the road several hundred feet from what remained of their house. It was a miracle that they were still alive.

The McFarlands—Sandi, husband Mike, sons Harrison and Derek, 11, and Lucas, 8—watched the water of Cottonwood Creek rise, inundating their access road and coming dangerously close to their home. They acted fast and moved everything they could out of the house with the help of neighbors and friends. On their last trip Sandi and her sons waded through icy floodwaters to reach high ground. They watched helplessly as the rising waters washed out their access road and rushed across their pastures, tearing down fences, scouring the land and sweeping away a year's supply of hay for their animals. Wiped out, too, were their water and sewer systems.

Word of the families' losses spread. The Forest Service family response was

tremendous! By mid-March, the total dollar amount contributed by Forest Service units exceeded \$3,000. The Clearwater SO employee association is the communication hub for the activities going on to help support the families. Members continue to send out updates to all the employee associations in R-1. In addition to fund raisers, many have chosen to contribute to bank accounts set up for the families in Orofino, Idaho. The Beegle account is at First Security Bank, and the McFarland account is at West One Bank. Others have contributed clothing and household goods, toys and cash.

The spirit of the Forest Service family is strong and healthy. It has shown itself in the response to the Beegles and McFarlands. Thank you, Clearwater National Forest, SO and Districts; Nez Perce National Forest, Slate Creek and Red River ranger districts; Bitterroot National Forest SO; Helena National Forest SO; Intermountain Research Laboratory; and an individual contributor from the Lolo National Forest. And "thank you" to all the other individual contributors. With your help, the Beegles and McFarlands are putting their lives back together.

White's Gulch, Vosburg Mine on Helena NF

*by Bethany Ible, Geologist,
Townsend (Montana) RD,
Helena NF*

Van loads of visitors will be taking field trips to visit the White's Gulch and Vosburg mine reclamation projects on the Townsend Ranger District, Helena NF.

The two abandoned mine sites are being reclaimed to restore water quality and vegetation to approximately 40 acres of Forest land east of Helena. The abandoned mine sites represent two different types of mining and require very different reclamation strategies. The common denominator for the success of both projects is the local, State and Federal agencies working as partners.

The White's Gulch project in the Big Belt Mountains began three years ago, when an extensively-mined reach of the creek was identified as a potential site for riparian and stream reclamation. Nearly a mile of the creek had been turned "upside down" during the 1940s; a dryland dredge exhumed the valley bottom to get to the gold-bearing gravels above bedrock.

The dwindling westslope cutthroat trout population in the area provided further incentive for the reclamation project. Goals of the project include restoring the hydrologic gradient and stability and increasing the westslope cutthroat trout habitat.

The construction contract was awarded in 1995. Approximately 15,000 trees and shrubs have been propagated for planting on the site this spring. Hydroseeding and fence construction on the 20-acre site are also scheduled for the spring.

The Vosburg mine reclamation project was jump-started in 1994 when the abandoned hardrock mine was found to be leaking yellowish, metal-laden mill tailings into Badger Creek in the Elkhorn Mountains.

The site had been mined by underground methods in the mid-1930s and abandoned

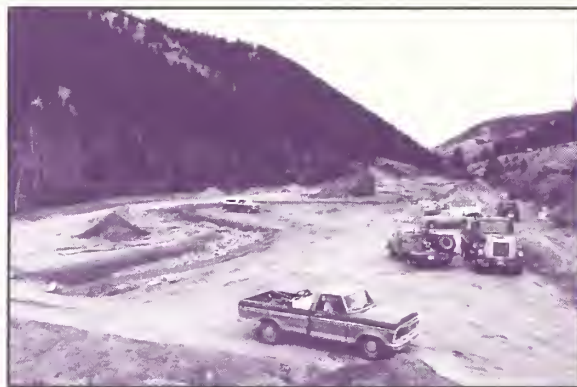
by 1950. The underground tunnels collapsed over time (1950-1990), and 20,000 tons of tailings and about 30,000 tons of waste rock lay at the surface, defying vegetation and stabilization.

An early invitation to the Montana Abandoned Mine Reclamation Bureau (MAMRB) to work together on the project led to their extensive support and assistance.

Construction started in August. The contractor excavated a contaminated area and reclaimed the unvegetated dump piles. Six acres of waste rock dumps were regraded with topsoil and lime on the surface. Road reclamation, and shrub/tree planting, are scheduled for the spring and summer of 1996.



The start of reclamation activities at White's Gulch.



Above: During the project work



Below: Scene after the reclamation was completed.

Grants, Cost Sharing, Cooperation Benefit Aquatic Species, Habitats

by Pat Van Eimeren, Fisheries Biologist,
Flathead NF, SO, Kalispell, Montana

*Installing a culvert to provide
westslope cutthroat trout access
to a tributary to Hungry Horse
Reservoir.*

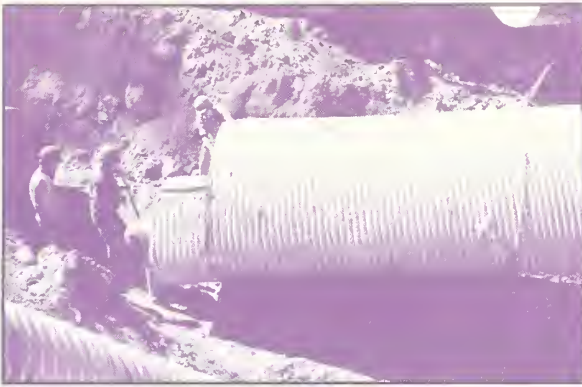


Photo by Pat Van Eimeren.

A recent "Rise To The Future" award to the Flathead NF was, in part, given in recognition of the Forest's commitment to partnerships. Flathead NF received two "Bring Back the Natives" (BBN) grants from the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation to help restore native aquatic species and their habitats.

One grant was used to enable westslope cutthroat trout to access three tributary streams to Hungry Horse Reservoir for the first time in 40 years. Roads, built at the time of the dam construction in 1953, had blocked fish access to five spawning streams. The BBN grant financed the replacement of culverts with open arches by matching a \$40,000 contribution from the Flathead Basin Commission. The

Forest Service added \$135,000 from the Capital Investment Program.

Continuation of the project with another BBN grant of \$72,000 looks promising for 1996. The Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks (MDFWP) is committed to \$180,000 and the Bureau of Reclamation is committed to \$40,000 to replace the last two culverts. With these commitments, the Forest Service share of the project will be 12% (\$38,000).

The second BBN grant matched a \$22,000 contribution from MDFWP and \$5,000 from the Big Mountain Winter Recreation Area to finance restoration of bull trout habitat in Big Creek. In addition to providing clean water for bull trout spawning, the headwaters also

provide 300,000 skier days a year.

A \$5,000 grant from Fish America Foundation matched a \$5,000 grant from Trout Unlimited's "Embrace-a-Stream" program. Plum Creek Lumber Co. added \$4,000 to fence five miles of Herrig Creek, the only tributary to Little Bitterroot Lake where 25-pound-plus Kamloop rainbow trout can spawn.

We also had three Challenge Cost Share (CCS) projects with the MDFWP. The Flathead NF and MDFWP each contributed \$10,000 to build a fishing access on Bootjack Lake. For the third year, both agencies pitched in \$3,000 each to conduct redd counts for bull trout in the South Fork Flathead River in the Bob Marshall Wilderness. The third CCS enables MDFWP to monitor bull trout spawning gravels, rearing habitat, and fish populations each year across the Forest. Flathead NF contributes \$20,000 and the MDFWP contributes \$25,000.

Forestry Exchange

Beaverhead NF Fire Management Officer Visits Republic of China (Taiwan)

by Jack de Golia, Public Affairs Officer,
Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forests,
Dillon, Montana

Diane Hutton, fire management officer for the Wisdom and Wise River Ranger Districts, Beaverhead NF, and James Furlough, ecosystem coordinator, Wenatchee NF, toured Taiwan for fifteen days and met with Republic of China forestry officials. They were in Taiwan to provide expertise in fire operations, fuels management, and fire prevention.

The Forest Service's International Forestry Branch sponsored the exchange with the Taiwan Forestry Research Institute and the Taiwan Forestry Bureau, at the request of the Taiwanese government. (Taiwan is also known as the Republic of China. The Nationalist Chinese government fled to Taiwan in 1949 when the Communists established the People's Republic of China on the Chinese mainland.)

"We had opportunities to visit with forest managers, researchers, recreation managers

and National Park managers. Other opportunities included time with the Fire Research and district personnel at several fire sites across the island," Diane said. She added that the Taiwanese went out of their way to be perfect hosts.

The Taiwan Forest Bureau parallels the Forest Service in many ways. "Our most lasting impression of the country is the people we met in our travels. Wherever we went we were treated like royalty. Everyone we met was genuinely interested in assuring that we were well taken care of. They were anxious to hear our impressions of what we saw," Diane said.

Taiwan is about 250 miles long and 80 miles wide. The forest is managed for multiple resources, including timber production, flood control and hillside stabilization, watershed, and recreation. Because of Taiwan's unique ecosystems, there has been no cutting in the natural cypress stands since 1989 and no cutting of natural forests since 1992. Almost



James Furlough & Diane Hutton in Taiwan, in front of new District of Taiwan Forestry Bureau. Furlough, ecosystem coordinator, Wenatchee NF, is in uniform, and Diane Hutton, fire management officer for the Wisdom and Wise River RDs, Beaverhead NF, is standing to Furlough's left.

Photo by Taiwan Forestry Bureau.

all of the fires are human caused, usually by campers and smokers. Some fires are arson caused.

Diane and Jim sent a written report to the Chief about their Taiwan trip and included suggestions about the kinds of U.S. experts who might return for more detailed exchanges of information and training.

What's Current in River Management In Idaho's Nez Perce National Forest

by Lois Peterson, Nez Perce NF,
SO Engineering, Grangeville, Idaho

The Nez Perce National Forest (NPNF) hosted visitors from the Francis Marion and Sumter National Forests last fall to discuss management plans for five Wild & Scenic Rivers.

Dave Wilson, Forest Supervisor, came from Columbia, South Carolina, with planner Skip Starkey and resource assistant Greg Borgen. With the expected increase in whitewater use in their area as a spin-off from the summer Olympics, Wilson, Starkey and Borgen are anxious to complete the Chattooga River Plan.

During their week on the NPNF, the southerners jet-boated up the Snake River with Hells Canyon National Recreation Area (HCNRA) managers, rafted down the lower Salmon River with a Bureau of Land Management (BLM) recreation planner and walked along the Lochsa River with personnel from the Clearwater NF. They also visited the upper Selway and the Middle Fork of the Clearwater Rivers.

On the Upper Selway, the difference in use from that on the Chattooga is pronounced. The Chattooga has more than



80,000 users each year; the Upper Selway allows only one launch per day during the permit season.

One of the concerns on the Chattooga is disposal of human waste. Borgen was particularly eager to see the SCAT machine at Riggins. The SCAT system disposes of human waste and cleans the waste containers.

MaryAlice Stoner, supervisory forester on the NPNF, and LuVerne Grussing of the BLM, helped to identify common issues as they accompanied the interagency group on

Forest Service & BLM Personnel review river management on the Salmon River. Left to right: Lois Peterson, Nez Perce NF (NPNF); Greg Borgen, Francis Marion NF (FMNF); MaryAlice Stoner, NPNF; LuVerne Grussing, Bureau of Land Management; Dave Wilson and Skip Starkey, FMNF. Photo by Dave Stevens

a 1/2-day float trip on the Salmon River. In a jet boat on the Snake River, they discussed issues being appealed in the new Snake River Plan, including periods for non-motorized use and daily limitations on power boaters.

Leave No Trace Course At Wildlands Training Center May 13-17

by Jonathan Klein, Recreation Technician
Madison RD, Ennis, Montana, Deerlodge-Beaverhead NFs,
Northern Region Leave No Trace Coordinator



The Ninemile Wildlands Training Center at the Ninemile RD, Lolo NF, and the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS) will present a five-day "Leave No Trace" course, May 13-17, at the ranger station.

The training is designed to teach stock users how to teach leave no trace camping principles. U.S. Fish & Wildlife, National Park Service, Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management and NOLS are cooperating in the training as part of a nationwide effort to educate backcountry visitors in low-impact camping skills and ethics.

Students will include representatives of the four cooperating Federal agencies, Back Country Horsemen and commercial outfitter-guides. Graduates will be qualified to train other Leave No Trace trainers and to teach Federal employees and the public the techniques and ethics of Leave No Trace.

Federal agencies and NOLS are cooperating to present similar courses this year in Wyoming, Colorado, Arizona, Utah, California, Washington, Alaska, Michigan, Virginia and Maine. The goal of the program is ultimately to educate backcountry users in the skills,

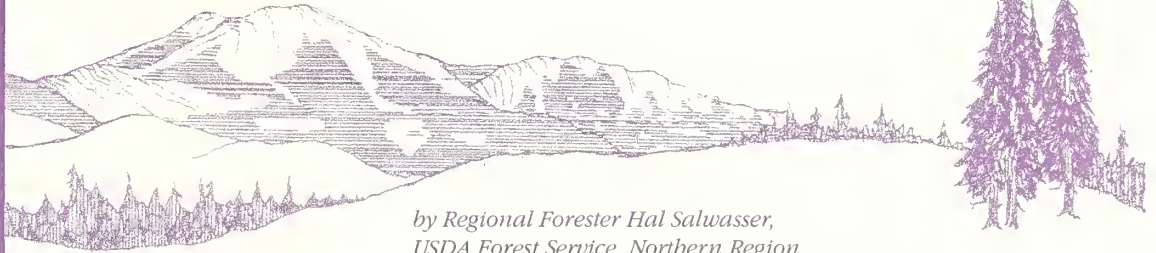
techniques and commitment needed to keep the "great" in the great outdoors.

The first day at the Ninemile Ranger Station will be devoted to classroom instruction, followed by a four-day pack trip to the field, where students will learn and practice teaching the principles of Leave No Trace. Instructors will be Mike Bailey from the NOLS; Bob Hoverson, Ninemile RD, Lolo NF; and Jonathan Klein, Madison RD, Beaverhead NF.

Contact Jaimie Williams or Bob Hoverson at the Ninemile Wildlands Training Center for added details: (406) 626-5201.



Field Monitoring Of Salvage Sales



*by Regional Forester Hal Salwasser,
USDA Forest Service, Northern Region*

I am most pleased to share this progress report from Olleke Rappe-Daniels on the field monitoring of Forest Service (FS) timber salvage sales.

The Regional Salvage Team (RST) spent the last week of February on the Kootenai and Flathead National Forests (NF) participating in a "pilot" monitoring program of two salvage sales. Working cooperatively with representatives of U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USF&WS) Governor's Office, timber industry, conservation groups, county commissioners, congressional staffs, media, and our own Forest representatives, the RST designed pilot monitoring programs for field trips to the Fowler Fire salvage sale on the Kootenai NF and the Little Wolf Fire salvage sale on the Flathead NF. The Team has prepared a final report on their findings.

On the Three Rivers Ranger District, Kootenai NF, District Ranger Mike Balboni introduced the Fowler Fire salvage sale to the 25 field-trip participants. Jack Zearfoss, Interdisciplinary Team (IDT) Leader, and Larry Coryell, Forest Service representative, guided the group to various sites in the sale area. The objective was to see what the Forest had done on the ground to comply with the intent of the Salvage Rider, and how they had dealt with resource issues and environmental considerations.

The ID Team did a very thorough environmental analysis on this project, tiering from their 1994 fire assessment. All participants were impressed by the activity on the ground and clear evidence of environmental protection that has been incorporated into project implementation. The District has

done an excellent job in implementing this sale. Their consideration of the resources and needs of the public is evident.

On the Tally Lake RD, Flathead NF, District Ranger Bert Stout introduced the Little Wolf Fire salvage sale with an overview of its history. The ID Team conducted an excellent briefing for the group. Silviculturist Ed Lieser, Wildlife Biologist Amy Jacobs, and Sale Administrator Willie Robbins guided participants to the sale area where focus was directed to issues that had been raised during the analysis and scoping process. They also viewed ongoing logging activities.

The ID Team, led by Planning Team Coordinator Ken Meckel, did an extraordinary job of involving the public and incorporating their input into project implementation. Participants on this review were very impressed with the sensitivity the District demonstrated towards the needs of the public, protection of resources, and contractors' care in timber removal.

Bill Ruediger, Regional Threatened, Endangered & Sensitive Species Program Leader and a member of the Regional Salvage Team, explained "We were monitoring salvage sales per the Interagency Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), including the quality and timeliness of the streamlined consultation process, how salvage direction was being implemented, the quality of the decision processes and how all this fits on the ground. We were joined by USF&WS and State agency people, congressional staffs, conservation group representatives

and industry people.

"In the two sales we reviewed, there wasn't a single environmental issue that the FS had failed to implement—both in the decision process and on the ground. Some of the areas where the Forests had done an excellent job of implementation were: (1) Infish guidelines, (2) Grizzly Bear Coordination, (3) Snag and Downed Log Habitat, (4) Road Management, and (5) Meeting consultation quality and timeframes."

Ruediger reported "Sale layout and implementation (contract administration) has been significantly improved over the years. New technology in logging systems and use of 'snow roads' has decreased the road density remarkably. We've heard much about 'lawless' and careless salvage sales. Our team saw just the opposite."

Although the Team has only reviewed two sales to date, we fully expect to find similar results during subsequent monitoring reviews between now and the end of the year. The Team found the benefits of field review monitoring are as valuable as traditional compliance monitoring methods. These on-the-ground forums offer an excellent opportunity for people who share an interest in natural resources to share their views on management of those resources in the ideal setting, surrounded by those resources.

I think you will agree that this report is quite different from what you read in newspaper letters to editors. Please contact your nearest Forest Supervisor and ask to join one of these field reviews.

R-1 Pack Train

Starts Busy 1996 Schedule

by Lynne Sholly,
Ninemile Ranger Station, Lolo NF

The mules are rested. The truck is tuned up. And the schedule is set for the Northern Region Pack Train for 1996.

The R-1 Pack Train board of directors recently announced the schedule for the pack train. Members of the board are Joel Holtrop, Flathead NF; Steve Kelly, RO; Chuck Davis, RO; Wendell Beardsley, RO; Rich Inman, Gallatin NF; Raenette Didier, Nez Perce NF; Ken Britton, Bob Hoverson and Dave York, Lolo NF; and Smoke Elser, Missoula.

Demand for the Pack Train continues to be high. Sixty-seven requests were received

for a spot on their busy schedule in 1996. It was possible to fit in only 31 of the requests.

The mission of the R-1 pack train is to (1) provide expert packing skills to Ranger Districts; (2) help educate the public and Forest Service personnel on state-of-the-art minimum impact camping and stock use techniques, and (3) represent the Forest Service at public events, including, parades, fairs, rodeos and other special events.

Come and support your Northern Region Pack Train when they are in your area.

The 1996 schedule includes:

3/13-18	Big Horn Sport Show	Spokane, WA
3/22-24	MT State BCH Convention	Helena, MT
4/4-9	Idaho Horse Expo	Boise, ID
4/11-15	Washington BCH Rendezvous	Ellensburg, WA
4/26-28	Boy Scouts Camporee	Farragut State Park, ID
5/11	Frontier Days	Missoula, MT
5/13-17	LNT Stock Master Training	Ninemile, MT
5/20-24	Horsemanship & Packing Clinic	Ninemile, MT
6/6	Wilderness Mgmt. for Line Officers	Ninemile, MT
6/10-14	North Fork Cabins Resupply	Seeley Lake, MT
6/23-29	Buffalo Horn/Porcupine Projects	Bozeman, MT
7/1-5	Horsecamp Cabin Stabilization	Kooskia, ID
7/7-14	Swan Trail Crew & Pendant/Shaw	Owl Creek, MT
7/18-25	West Yellowstone Projects	West Yellowstone, MT
7/26-31	Helena Projects	Helena, MT
8/1-5	Rock Cairn Project	Stanford, MT
8/9-14	Metra Park Fair	Billings, MT
8/15-17	Snow Crest Pack Project	Vigilante Guard Station, MT
8/18	Madison County Fair Parade	Twin Bridges, MT
8/19-22	Wilderness Ranger Rendezvous	Big Timber, MT
8/26-9/1	Ten Lakes Pack Proj./Ant Flat Days	Murphy Lake, MT
9/3-7	Rainbow Pass Project	Philipsburg, MT
9/10-21	Middle Fork Flathead Project	Spotted Bear MT
9/30-10/11	Shaw Pendant Resupply	Owl Creek, MT

Certificate of Achievement To Barb Long for Decisive, Prompt, Courageous Actions

by Karen Horn, Rocky Mountain RD,
Choteau, Montana, Lewis & Clark NF



Barb Long congratulated by Pat Finnegan, (left) Rocky Mountain RD Law Enforcement Officer, and Bob Darling, (right) Zone Special Agent, Lewis & Clark/Custer NFs.

Photo by Karen Horn.

Barb Long, recreation guard, Rocky Mountain RD, Choteau, MT, Lewis & Clark NF, recently received a Certificate of Achievement from Tom King, Northern Region Special Agent, RO Law Enforcement & Investigation.

The award was for her courageous, prompt and decisive actions involving a probable life and death situation at the Hannan Gulch Administrative Site.

Long was also commended for often performing above and beyond the scope of her duties over the last five years and recognized her for being a true friend and supporter of Law Enforcement.

Sue Reel, Lolo NF, Named Top Interpreter

by Keith Thurlkill, Regional Interpretive Specialist,
RO Wilderness, Recreation & Heritage Programs.

Sue Reel of the Lolo National Forest has been named the top Forest Service interpreter in the nation for 1995.

She received the Gifford Pinchot Excellence in Interpretation Award in an interagency ceremony at the National Association of Interpretation annual workshop in Orlando, Florida. At the same ceremony, the top interpreters from the Corps of Engineers and National Park Service were recognized.

The Gifford Pinchot Excellence in Interpretation Award was created in 1992 to honor outstanding National Forest Interpreters in the nation each year. Sue was selected from eight Northern Region nominees to represent the region at the national level. She was then selected for the national award from nine regional winners.

Sue was recognized for her continued accomplishments as wildlife interpretive specialist for the Lolo NF, a position she pioneered in 1989. Under her leadership, the Lolo Watchable Wildlife Program has become a national model with many interpretive sites, environmental education materials, speakers bureau, special events, guided and self-guided tours, and interpretive brochures. She tackles complex ecological subjects and makes them relevant and exciting. Recent projects include: Lolo Creek-Resto-

ration Interpretive Signs; "Songbird Blues" Box Environmental Education Trunk; Rock Creek Nature Trail; "A River Needs to Roam" interpretive brochure. Whether working with university classes, interpreters at training workshops, or students in a third-grade classroom, Sue's knowledge and enthusiasm wins people over to the value of natural resources and the need for responsible stewardship.

Congratulations to Sue and the other R-1 nominees:

DEBRA GALE, Recreation Specialist, Beaverhead, for her work on the Pioneer Mountains Scenic Byway and Nez Perce National Historic Trail interpretive signs.

JOHN ORMISTON, Wildlife Biologist, Bitterroot NF, for his many presentations and "brown bag lectures" on wildlife ecology and Forest interpretive projects.

JOCELYN DODGE, Recreation Specialist, Deerlodge NF, for her leadership and persistence over the last 3 years in completing the Freedom Point Interpretive Trail, which incorporates features of special benefit for those with disabilities.



Sue Reel (4th from left) accepts Pinchot Excellence in Interpretation Award at the interagency ceremony at the National Association of Interpretation annual workshop, Orlando, Florida.

BARB PENNER, Big Mountain Interpreter, Flathead NF, for her continued efforts in leading and improving the programs and facilities at the Big Mountain Environmental Education Center, a partnership with Winter Sports, Inc.

CORT SIMS, Archeologist, Idaho Panhandle NFs, for his enthusiastic and sustained efforts in educating visitors about the value and importance of heritage resources.

PATTY JOHNSON, Cartographic Technician, Kootenai NF, for creativity in redesigning interpretive signs along the Ross Creek Cedar Interpretive Trail.

SHAWNA ZECHMANN, Interpretive Specialist, Lewis and Clark NF, for spearheading the "Path of the Grizzly" Interpretive Trail at Marias Pass.

NORTHERN REGION NEWS GUIDELINES

- Articles should focus on Forest Service-related subjects or activities, or people engaged in agency-related activities.

- Send article(s) to NORTHERN REGION NEWS as soon as possible after event. Too often interesting articles run the risk of not being printed because they are not timely.

- No poetry, jokes or cartoons.

- Do not use technical language. You can tell the readers about a technical subject by using non-technical language. Avoid jargon not understood by people outside the technical topic.

- Submit articles on DG (or typewriter). Double space. Indent between paragraphs.

- Keep under 150 to 300 words (about 3/4 of DG

page); no more than one page - can be shorter. For brief coverage of an event, consider sending in photo(s) and tell story in photo cutlines.

- Any story can be improved with photos (black/white; color prints; color slides; any size) and illustrations. Be sure to send along caption information for pictures/illustrations.

- Deadline is second Friday of month, preceding issue. Call (406/329-3093) about deadlines, items planned for future issues, etc.

- If you have articles/pictures/illustrations or questions, telephone Jud Moore, RO Public Affairs Office (406) 329 3093. DG mailing address: j.moore:R01A. Postal Service mailing address: Box 7669, Missoula, Montana 59807.

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Retiree Luncheon

Forest Service retirees and their families who live in Northern Idaho are invited to a luncheon, Wednesday, May 15, at Templin's Resort in Post Falls, Idaho. For details telephone Bob Damon (509) 467-0627; John Bushfield (208) 765-4918; Jerry Stern (208) 263-7201; or Del Jaquish (208) 773-0892.

North Fork RD, Reunion Canceled

The planned June 28-30 reunion at Canyon Work Center for former Canyon, Kelly Creek and Bungalow Ranger Districts has been canceled for this year. Numerous roads are blocked; there is limited access to the work center and surrounding areas. The reunion has been rescheduled for June 1997. For information and to be placed on a mailing list for the reunion, telephone Tam White, North Fork RD (208) 476-3775.

Neal Hitchcock Named NIFCC Manager, Boise

A 20-year veteran with the Forest Service, Hitchcock started his career on the Toiyabe NF in 1976 as a member of an engine crew. After working at the National Interagency Fire Center, 1987-1990, he transferred to R-1 as center manager for the Northern Rockies Coordination Center, 1990-1994. Since 1994, he has been assistant national mobilization officer at the National Interagency Fire Coordination Center.

Beaverhead-Deerlodge NFs Logo Contest Deadline May 10

If you ever worked on the Beaverhead or Deerlodge NFs, you're eligible to enter a contest. What contest? Why, it's the contest to design a logo to use on incentive awards and other employee materials for the Northern Region's newest and largest National Forest: the Beaverhead-Deerlodge.

Submit designs that represent the whole Forest. Entries will be judged on the basis of clarity, simplicity and suitability. Contest is open to all current and former employees and members of their families.

Submit rough sketches or finished artwork by May 10 to Jack de Golia, Public Affairs Officer, Beaverhead-Deerlodge NFs, 420 Barrett St., Dillon, MT 59725 by close of business Friday, May 10. Questions? Telephone (406) 683-3900.

R-1 Picnic For Employees, Retirees & Families

June 15, Pattee Canyon Campground, Missoula, Lolo NF. Starts at 11:00 a.m. For details contact Cheryle Zwang, Public Affairs Office (406) 329-3028; Cheryl Vanderburg, Lolo NF SO, (406) 329-3832; Jane Haker, Missoula Aerial Fire Depot (406) 329-4905; Mark Wiggins, Missoula Technology & Development Center, (406) 329-3926. Barbeque/potluck; games, contests. All employees/retirees from everywhere invited.

Forest Service Office in Butte, Montana Being Enlarged

Butte District Ranger Margaret C. Ewing explained that the expansion at 1820 Meadowlark Lane will accommodate Forest Service employees who will move out of the uptown Federal Courthouse at the end of April. The larger building will also provide office space for the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

Forest Service To Rent New Building In Sheridan, Montana

Madison RD, Beaverhead NF: Wiggins Construction, Kalispell, MT, presented the best bid for office, warehouse and wareyard space for Forest Service operations. Lease on the current building expired at the end of December.

Triceratops Dinosaur Fossil Displayed In Custer NF SO

Forest Service and the North Dakota Geological Survey discovered the head of a juvenile Triceratops dinosaur during an inventory of paleontological resources last August in the National Grasslands in North Dakota. The fossil will be on display in the lobby of the Custer NF SO in April and May. Schools and local groups are invited to visit the exhibit.

R-1 Seminar Series

Insect & Disease Considerations In Salvage Logging & Thinning

The March seminar topic in the Regional Forester's Seminar Series was presented by Jed Dewey, Jane Taylor, and Ken Gibson from the Forest Health Protection group. After a brief discussion of the topic, focusing on the direction from Congress, the Chief and the Regional Forester, Dewey discussed the heightened public awareness of the salvage issue. Taylor and Gibson reviewed forest health concerns relative to salvage logging and thinning. Jane concentrated on disease issues; Ken discussed topics related to insect outbreaks.

Most of the insects and pathogens in R-1 are native organisms that have co-evolved with their hosts. Traditionally, we have viewed insects and pathogens almost exclusively as pests that must be suppressed because of their interference with timber production. In recent years our viewpoint has shifted. We now recognize the importance of insects and pathogens as functional components of healthy forest ecosystems.

Insects and pathogens can play major roles in the successional functions of an ecosystem and they can provide valuable habitat and forage opportunities for wildlife. Yet, we have not lost sight of the fact that insects and pathogens can have significant negative impacts on timber resources, watersheds, fisheries, and wildlife habitat. They can also increase fire hazard.

Used incorrectly, salvage logging and thinning can aggravate and worsen impacts on certain resources. Creating stumps and

by Jane Taylor, Plant Pathologist, Ken Gibson,
Entomologist, RO Forest Health Protection

increasing the proportion of Douglas-fir and/or grand fir on certain sites can lead to an increase in root disease severity. The creation of multi-storied structures can significantly increase the rate of spread and intensification of dwarf mistletoe or increase habitats for defoliating insects. Leaving large amounts of green slash at the wrong time of year, can cause certain insect populations to build to such high levels that they threaten surrounding live trees.

On the other hand, with proper analysis and planning, salvage logging and thinning can improve forest health conditions where insect and disease damage is out of balance as the result of human influences, or where insects and diseases may negatively impact resource objectives. Timely and judicious action can be used to alter stand conditions to make them less susceptible to insect attacks or make the effects less damaging. Decreasing the proportion of Douglas-fir and grand fir in a stand, and/or encouraging the regeneration of pines and larch, can lower the root disease hazard.

Awareness of salvage opportunities, the ability to carry them out, and the resolve to conduct them properly can greatly enhance our efforts to create healthy forests, contributing to R-1's overall mission of "Caring for the land and serving the people."

Future Topics in Regional Forester's Seminar Series

April 30 - The C.M. Russel Trail,
An Interpretive Partnership,
RO West Conference Room

**May 7 - Working With
Communities In Transition**
Nez Perce NF, RO East Conference Room

**May 28 - Implementing
Ecosystem Management,
At Project Level,**
Engineering,
RO West Conference Room

Old Timers Host National Forest Service Reunion

Sept. 9-11, Park City, Utah. The Intermountain Forest Service Old Timbers Club will host the gathering for retired employees and all current employees, explained George Roether, 2790 Buchanan Ave., Ogden, Utah 84403, telephone (801) 621-7824. Chief Jack Ward Thomas will deliver the keynote address. Activities will include two golf tournaments, tennis, hot-air balloon rides, float trips, field trips to local National Forests and preparations started for the 2002 Winter Olympics.

Wilderness & Land Ethics Awareness Teacher Workshops

July 23-25 at Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Ranch, 10 miles west of Dupuyer, MT. (for registration information, telephone Lisa Flowers 406/446-2078), and August 13-15 at Big Creek Outdoor Education Center, Glacier Institute, Flathead National Forest (for registration information, telephone Kris Bruninga 406/755-1211). Curriculum provides for a broad band understanding of the fundamental importance of wilderness and promotes a land ethic to help maintain valuable natural resources. The Forest Service is one of the sponsors. Instructors include Teresa Wenum, Flathead NF environmental education coordinator, and other wilderness staff and specialists.

Campground Vandals Sentenced

Three Anaconda, MT, residents, all 20 years old, have been sentenced by Federal District Judge Paul Hatfield to pay \$2,803 to the Forest Service for damage they did last June to the Racetrack Campground, southwest of Deer Lodge. Deer Lodge District Ranger Bob Gilman said the cost of repairs will now be mostly covered by the defendants' payments. The campground has been closed since the incident and will not be reopened until the repairs are made, Gilman said.

Oil & Gas Leasing Decision Announced

Certain areas of the Helena NF will be available for oil and gas leasing, according to a decision announced in March by the

Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management. The decision includes all of the Helena NF, 30,930 acres of the Elkhorn Mountains on the Beaverhead-Deerlodge NFs, and 6,216 acres of split estate (private land with Government-owned minerals) lands located within the administrative boundaries of the Helena NF. Copies of the record of decision and EIS are available from the Helena NF SO.

Yellowstone Pipeline Permit Renewed For Three years

The Forest Service and the Yellowstone Pipeline Company have agreed to a permit renewing an existing pipeline right-of-way on National Forest System lands between Helena and Spokane. The permit term is set at three years to allow time for environmental review before another long-term permit is issued. The lands affected by this permit total 30 miles on the Helena, Lolo and Idaho Panhandle National Forests. For details about the permit renewal, telephone Terry Egenhoff, Lolo NF, (406) 329-3833.

8th Annual Lewis & Clark Festival

Great Falls, MT, June 27-30: Sponsored by the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Association in cooperation with the Forest Service and several other Federal, State and historical organizations. For program details, contact Great Falls Chamber of Commerce, telephone (406) 761-4434.

75% Of Beaverhead NF Made Available For Oil & Gas Leasing

the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management announced in February. Some 1,636,000 acres of the 2,129,000 Beaverhead NF will be available for leasing, though special leasing terms will apply on about three-fourths of that acreage. Leasing on 185,000 acres of roadless lands will be delayed until January 1, 1997, as directed by the Secretary of Agriculture. Leasing on the remaining 1,450,800 acres are allowed immediately. Copies of the Environmental Impact Statement and record of decision are available from the Beaverhead-Deerlodge NFs headquarters in Dillon, MT.

Personnel Actions

BEAVERHEAD-DEERLODGE NATIONAL FORESTS

Awards & Promotions

BARBER, JAMES, student trainee soil scientist, Deerlodge NF, Butte RD, promotion, Beaverhead NF, SO
 BEAN-DOCHNAHL, JANET, NEPA coordinator, Madison RD, performance bonus award
 BOWEY, CHARLES, wildlife biologist, Madison RD, temporary promotion, Dillon RD
 BOWEY, JAN, rangeland management specialist, Madison RD, performance bonus award
 CHRISTENSEN, JAMES, range technician, Dillon RD, quality step increase
 DALLAS, DAN, supervisory range specialist, Madison RD, performance bonus award
 DORVALL, RENE, computer assistant, Butte RD, quality step increase
 DUHAME, ROBERT, engineering equipment operator, SO, performance bonus award
 HAVIG, DENNIS, district ranger, Wisdom RD, extra effort award
 HENNINGSEN, RICK, forester, Butte RD, quality step increase
 HOLLAMON, RICHARD, supervisor civil engineering technician, SO, performance award
 IVERSON, LOREN, operations research analyst, SO, promotion, information system manager
 KING, RICHARD, LEO, Madison RD, performance bonus award
 KLEIN, JONATHAN, supervisory forestry technician, Madison RD, performance bonus award
 KOLAR, CHRISTINE, purchasing agent, SO, quality step increase
 KYLES, ALLEN, forester, Madison RD, performance bonus award
 MCLUSKIE, CLIFFORD, forestry technician, Madison RD, quality step increase
 MIZE, VONNA MAE, support staff supervisor, Madison RD, quality step increase
 OLSON, TRUDI, law enforcement assistant, SO, quality step increase
 PETRONI, DIANE, forester, Madison RD, quality step increase
 RAGAIN, DALE, supervisory forester, Madison RD, performance bonus award
 RIORDAM, PAT, cartographic technician, Butte RD, quality step increase
 ROUNDY, JEFFREY LEO, Dillon RD, performance bonus award
 SCHOTT, LINDA, business management assistant, Madison RD, performance bonus award
 SCHOTT, RONALD, supervisory range specialist, Madison RD, performance bonus award
 SMITH, PETER, range conservationist, Dillon RD, extra effort award
 SUZUKI, KEVIN, rangeland management specialist, Madison RD, quality step increase
 WEATHERD, BRADLEY, range conservationist, Dillon RD, extra effort award
 WIEBE, LINDON, supervisory forestry technician, Philipsburg RD, promotion, Region 3, Gila NF
 WILLIAMS, PATRICIA, forester, Dillon RD, promotion
 WISEMAN, RONALD, wildlife biologist, Madison RD, performance bonus award

New Employees

BARKLEY, ROY, forestry technician, Deer Lodge RD

Reassignments/Transfers

AVEY, WILLIAM, forester, Wisdom RD, reassignment, Madison RD, Sheridan Work Center

CLEARWATER NATIONAL FOREST

Awards & Promotions

BALL, EILEEN, finance assistant, Palouse RD, performance bonus award
 BONNEY, BYRON, supervisory forestry technician, SO, temporary promotion
 BROOKS, ERVIN, supervisory civil engineer, SO, quality step increase
 CHAMBERLIN, LINDA, secretary, SO, quality step increase
 CLARK, DEBBIE, hydrologic technician, SO, extra effort award
 COLE, ARLEN, forestry technician, Palouse RD, performance bonus award
 CRAIG, MICHELLE, wildlife biologist, Pierce RD, extra effort award
 DEKOME, KARL, forester, Palouse RD, performance bonus award
 EMCH, DALLAS, supervisory forester, SO, quality step increase
 FURNISH, CAROLYN, biological aid, SO, extra effort award
 HOWARD, GAYLE, hydrologic technician, SO, extra effort award
 HOYT, STEWART, forester, Powell RD, quality step increase
 KEATING, KEN, forestry technician, Pierce RD, extra effort award
 KEE, EDWARD, biological science technician, Pierce RD, extra effort award
 KLINKE, MARK, forestry technician, SO, promotion LEWIS, TIM, forestry technician, Pierce RD, extra effort award
 LEWIS, ZILIA, resource assistant, Pierce RD, extra effort award
 LITTLEJOHN, ROBERT, supervisory civil engineer, SO, extra effort & performance bonus award
 LOCKWOOD, CARMINE, district ranger, Palouse RD, extra effort award
 MCCORMACK, JAMES, forester, performance award, Powell RD
 MCKEE, MARLENE, computer assistant, SO, extra effort award & quality step increase
 MARTIN, GLENN, forestry technician, promotion, from North Fork RD to R-5, Modoc NF
 MEEK, JUDY, resource assistant, Palouse RD, performance award
 MITAL, JAMES, soil scientist, SO, promotion
 PALMER, BRIAN, forester, Pierce RD, extra effort award
 PERRY, KRISTINA, forestry technician, Lochsa RD, extra effort award
 POPE, JEFFREY, district ranger, Powell RD, temporary promotion
 POULSEN, PHIL, forester, Pierce RD, performance award
 ROUNDS, BRENDA, clerk, Palouse RD, performance award
 SCHOEN, DAVID, biological science technician, Lochsa RD, quality step increase

SMITH, MARK, forestry technician, Pierce RD, promotion
 STRATTON, JACK, senior community service employment program enrollee, SO, extra effort award
 STUVLAND, JOHN, forester, Palouse RD, performance award
 WELLNER, KENT, forester, Palouse RD, performance award

New Employees

FURNISH, EDGAR, electronics technician, SO
 JENKINS, KENNETH, forestry technician, Palouse RD
 LINDER, BRENT, cartographic technician, SO
 MORIN, ROBERTA, office automation clerk, SO

Reassignments/Transfers

BONNEY, BYRON, supervisory forestry technician, SO, reassignment, Nezperce NF
 ENGLE, DORYLEE, R-6, Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, transfer, realty specialist, SO
 KNOLLE, LINDA, forestry technician, SO, reassignment, Nezperce NF
 MCCORMACK, JAMES, forester, Powell RD, transfer, Bitterroot NF
 WHITE, SUSAN, Interdisciplinary GIS, North Fork RD, reassignment, SO

Resignations/Retirements

CRAWFORD, DENNIS, lead forestry technician, Pierce RD, resignation
 HOLLAND, DELORIS, conveyance examiner, SO, retirement
 PETERSEN, CHARLES, forestry technician, SO, retirement

CUSTER NATIONAL FOREST

Awards & Promotions

KINDLE, BRYAN, rangeland management specialist, McKenzie RD, quality step increase
 THOMPSON, LESLEY, district ranger, McKenzie RD, temporary promotion, McKenzie & Medora RD

New Employees

JONES, LOIS, senior community service employment program enrollee, SO

Resignations

WASSEN MILLER, CAROL, senior community service employment program enrollee, SO

Retirements

SPENCER, EILEEN, archeologist, Ashland RD

GALLATIN NATIONAL FOREST

Awards & Promotions

LAUGHLIN, SCOTT, information assistant, Livingston RD, promotion
 MCCLURE, WALLY, fish biologist, Bozeman RD, quality step increase
 SWAIN, STEVE, planner, SO, extra effort award

HELENA NATIONAL FOREST

Reassignments/Transfers

GILBERT, ROCKY, lead forestry technician, Lincoln RD, reassignment
 SCOTT, SHARON, forester, Helena RD, reassignment
 TURNER, DAVID, forester, Helena RD, reassignment

IDAHO PANHANDLE NATIONAL FORESTS

Awards & Promotions

ERICKSON, DARLA, biological science aid, temporary promotion, personnel clerk, SO
 GODDARD, LORI, purchasing agent, temporary promotion, support services supervisor, Wallace RD
 RIDGE, DIETRA, support services supervisor, Wallace RD, temporary promotion, administrative officer, Chugach NF

New Employees

BERGSTRAND, DONALD, forestry technician, Bonners Ferry RD
 BOLDT, MICHAEL, forestry technician, Priest Lake RD
 BOWEN, WILLIAM, laborer, St Joe RD
 DEL CARLO, ANITA, forestry technician, Bonners Ferry RD
 GREENFIELD, ROGER, forestry technician, Sandpoint RD
 KEMPTON, GARY, forestry technician, Wallace RD
 MACIOSEK, KATHERINE, civil engineering technician, Wallace RD
 NORRIS, CRAIG, forestry technician, Wallace RD
 PALFREY, GLEN, forestry technician, Priest Lake RD
 SIMMET, FREDRICK, forestry technician, Priest Lake RD
 SNELL, STEVEN, forestry technician, Sandpoint RD
 SOBEL, LISA, forestry technician, St. Joe RD, at Avery
 TESTER, TERRANN, forestry technician, Wallace RD
 WALLER, NIKCOLE, forestry technician, Bonners Ferry RD
 WOMBACHER, RICHARD, forestry technician, Bonners Ferry RD

Reassignments/Transfers

Personnel Actions

NISHEK, DOUGLAS, forestry technician from Three Rivers RD to Bonners Ferry RD

Resignations

NACCARATO, ROBERTA, resignation, personnel clerk, SO

KOOTENAI NATIONAL FOREST

Awards & Promotions

BOYD, KENDALL, forestry technician, Three Rivers RD, extra effort award
BRUNDIN, LEE, wildlife biologist, Libby RD, extra effort award
COHENOUR, SHARREN, accounting technician, SO, promotion
DORMAN, DAVID, wildlife biologist, Three Rivers RD, extra effort award
DUNHAM, JOLEEN, planning forester, Fortine RD, extra effort award
FERGUSON, LESLIE, botanist, Three Rivers RD, extra effort award
GARRISON, TRINI, computer assistant, Fortine RD, extra effort award
GAUTREAUX, RUSSELL, forester, Three Rivers RD, extra effort award
GIESEY, MIKE, forester, Cabinet RD, quality step increase
HANSEN, HELEN, office automation clerk, SO, extra effort award
KERN, KEN, civil engineering technician, West Zone, extra effort award
KNAUTH, KEVIN, forestry technician, Three Rivers RD, extra effort award
KOESTER, LINDA, forester, Three Rivers RD, extra effort award
KROEGER, LEWAYEN, civil engineering technician, West Zone, extra effort award
LACKLEN, BARBARA, geologist, Libby RD, quality step increase
MASON, MARK, forestry technician, Three Rivers RD, extra effort award
MCCREA, ROBERT, forestry technician, Rexford RD, performance award
MOELLER JR, MARTIN, hydrological technician, Three Rivers RD, extra effort award
MOHAR, KATHRYN, writer/editor, Three Rivers RD, extra effort award
MOHAR, KATHRYN, writer editor, Three Rivers RD, promotion
NATALE, MARK, forester, Three Rivers RD, extra effort award
NEUMAN, DANIEL, supervisory civil engineering technician, East Zone, quality step increase
NYGAARD, TWILA, information receptionist, Cabinet RD, promotion to resource technician
ROSS, CAROLYN, forestry technician, Three Rivers RD, extra effort award
SHIRA, MICHAEL, forester, Three Rivers RD, extra effort award
SPANGLER, ROBERT, fisheries biologist, Three Rivers RD, extra effort award
ZWEIFEL, MATTHEW, archeologist, Three Rivers RD, extra effort award

LEWIS & CLARK NATIONAL FOREST

Awards & Promotions

HANSEN, DONALD, maintenance worker, Rocky Mountain RD, promotion
MACDONALD, LEAH, information assistant, SO, promotion

LOLO NATIONAL FOREST

Awards & Promotions

BENTON, LINDA, computer specialist, SO, extra effort award
BROWDER, DAVID, biological scientist, SO, extra effort award
CASSELLI, JOHN, hydrologic technician, SO, promotion
DURSMA, CHERIE, computer assistant, SO, extra effort award
EGENHOFF, TERRY, biological scientist, SO, promotion
ERICKSON, LORI, biological scientist, SO, extra effort award
GOFFE, KEVIN, telecommunication specialist, SO, extra effort award
HARDEN, THERON, electronic technician, SO, extra effort award
PARTYKA, PATRICIA, forester, Plains/Thompson Falls RD, promotion
RAINS, MARGARET, computer specialist, SO, extra effort award
ROTH, ROBERT, supervisory forestry technician, SO, promotion
SCHROCK III, WALTER, forestry technician, extra effort award

REGIONAL OFFICE

Awards & Promotions

ALLEN, BRUCE, realty specialist, RMLH&W, promotion
ANDERSON, ELLEN, accounting technician, FR, cash award
BEARDSLEY, WENDELL, forester, RMLH&W, cash award
CALCATERRA, JAMES, materials engineering technician, ENGR, extra effort award
CROCKETT, BRUCE, architect, ENGR, extra effort award
EDWARDS, DENNIS, computer specialist, F&R, cash award
GREEN, ERNESTENE, social scientist, RMLH&W, cash award
HART, MOXON, computer specialist, F&R, cash award
HOLLAND, BRENDA, supervisory technical publication writer/editor, MTDC, cash award
HUGHES, JOHN, forester administration, RFO, performance award
JENSEN, MARK, research ecology, EM, extra effort award
JOHNSTON, FOREST, supervisory general engineer, ENGR, performance award
KIM, DONNA, environmental engineer, ENGR, extra effort award
KIRKPATRICK, ROBERT, supervisory environmental engineer, ENGR, performance award
LANDL, KIM, information assistant, P&GR, promotion

MCCART, KATHLEEN, computer specialist, HR, spot award

PATTERSON, DONALD, land surveyor, ENGR, performance award

PRITCHARD, JOYCE, office automation clerk, P&GR, cash award

SAURBIER, JAMES, highway engineer, ENGR, extra effort award

WELLER, CLYDE, supervisory civil engineer, ENGR, extra effort award

YOUNG, BEVERLY, environmental engineer, ENGR, extra effort award

New Employees

KATTEL, JOHN, supervisory structural engineer, ENGR

Reassignments/Transfers

DOLSMAN, CARLA, secretary, RFO reassignment appeals assistant, EM

In Memoriam

OZRO BLACK, 72, died March 20 at Barrett Memorial Hospital in Dillon, Montana. Born in Red Bird, Arkansas, Black graduated from Norman High School, enlisted in the Navy in 1943 and served in the Pacific in World War II with a Seabee construction unit. After his discharge from the Navy, Black enrolled in the forestry program at the University of Idaho. He worked the next four summers as a Forest Service smokejumper in Missoula. Black worked eight years as an auto mechanic and in the logging industry. He retired after 25 years with the Forest Service.

GEORGE F. CHRISTENSEN, 89, died March 3 in Sequim, Washington. Born in Walla Walla, he graduated in 1924 from Pomeroy High School in Washington and the University of Montana in 1936 with a degree in forestry. After working on the Coeur d'Alene, St. Joe and Colville NFs, Christensen was assigned to the Northern Region headquarters in Missoula. He retired in 1966 after 33 years with the Forest Service.

KESTER D. FLOCK, 94, died Dec. 27 in Boise. Born in Grangeville, Idaho, Flock, attended the University of Idaho and graduated from the University of Montana (1929) with a degree in forestry. He earned a master's degree in public administration from American University, Washington, D.C. (1940) and served with the U.S. Navy during World War II. Except for his military service, his entire working life was with the Forest Service. Flock retired in 1958 as supervisor of the Boise National Forest. He served with the Forest Service in Idaho, Montana, New Mexico and Washington, D.C. While serving as a Forest Supervisor in New Mexico, Flock was instrumental in the Forest Service adopting a bear cub, caught in a forest fire, as the 'Smokey Bear' symbol of Forest Service fire prevention.

GEORGE HARRSCH, 87, died March 20 in Missoula. Born in Nebraska, he came to Troy, Montana, with his parents when he was 7. In 1933 he started to work for the Forest Service in Missoula in engineering. After 35 years with the Forest Service as a heavy equipment mechanic, Harrsch retired in 1968.

RICHARD C. PRESBY, 62, died March 29 at his home in Viola, Idaho. He was employed as a wildlife biologist on the Palouse Ranger District, Clearwater National Forest, Potlatch, Idaho, at the time of his death. Born in Lewiston, Idaho, he spent most of his career in northern Idaho, western Montana, and eastern Washington. Presby served in the Army from 1956-1958. He earned a range/wildlife degree at the University of Idaho and worked as a seasonal employee in Oregon and Idaho as a research technician at two Forest Service Research Stations and at the University of Idaho. He worked on the Colville, Idaho Panhandle and the Clearwater National Forests and in the Regional headquarters in Missoula. He had been employed on the Palouse Ranger District since 1979.

MERRILL E. TESTER, 83, died March 16 in Missoula. Born in Vergreville, Alberta, Canada, he was educated in Canada and Spokane. A 40-year veteran with the Forest Service, Tester worked at Libby, Noxon, Hamilton and Missoula in Montana and Bonners Ferry and Sandpoint in Idaho. In April of 1970, he retired as Supervisor of the Bitterroot National Forest, Hamilton, MT.

Video Programs From Aviation To Timber & Training

Regions 1, 3, 5, 6, 9 and 10's video library collections are available on loan through a single vendor. This Forest Service Video Library is a free-loan service designed to provide educational and information video programs. All programs are in VHS format.

Programs can be ordered by mail, telephone, or FAX from: Forest Service Video Library; c/o Audience Planners, Inc.; 5341 Derry Avenue, Suite Q; Agoura Hills, CA 91301; phone (800) 683-8366; FAX (818) 865-1327.

There is no charge for the use of the videos. Borrowers pay the return postage. All videos in the library are available on loan to any National Forest or other interested publics.

A listing of videos is available on the Forest Service Home Page of the Internet. New videos are periodically added to the library.

The library currently contains about 150 video programs available to all audiences. Plans for the future include bringing the rest of the Regions into the library, plus making all internal videos available to employees through the same vendor.

R-1 Produced Videos Recently Added To The Library



Hells Canyon—A Work in Progress (16:30 minutes) Congress established the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area in 1975. The forces of nature have worked for millions of years to etch Hells Canyon, the deepest river gorge in North America. This video depicts how the canyon continues to be a work in progress by nature.

Geology Ecosystems & Mining in the New World District (31 minutes) The New World District is an old mining area a few miles north of Yellowstone National Park. Research has been conducted since the early 1970s on ecosystem restoration of high elevation mined areas in the mining district. The video illustrates the important progress the study team has made in deciphering the interrelationships of key ecosystem components in the area.

Cornerstone-- Geology & Ecosystems (20 minutes) For 4.5 billion years, geologic forces have shaped the Earth. This video shows that the National Forests hold within them a rich array of components from the broad building blocks of the landscape to the tiniest organisms within the soils. The diversity among the living and non-living parts of the forests and grasslands is a collection of ecosystems—where organisms are interdependent and interactive with one another.

These Old Cabin WINDOWS (60 minutes) Bernie Weisgerber, Forest Service historical preservation specialist, with the help of Keith Edge, maintenance mechanic for the National Park Service, go through a step-by-step approach in repairing old windows at the Grant-Kohrs National Historic Site, Deer Lodge, Montana.

These Old Cabin ROOFS (45 minutes) This is a joint training venture involving the Forest Service and the National Park Service. It takes you through the entire process of replacing a roof on an historical building at the Ninemile Ranger Station, Lolo NF.

These Old Cabin LOGS (45 minutes) The ghost town of Garnet, Montana, is the setting for a training session on repair and replacement of logs. It takes you through the process of inspection, hewing, notching, daubing, splicing, log replacement, jacking and cribbing, and safety.

This Old Cabin MASONRY (50 MINUTES) Masonry is the topic and Old Faithful is the setting. A master mason from the National Park Service goes through the steps required in historic preservation of masonry, including techniques for working with both bricks and stones.

Preservation Passed On (9 minutes) This program highlights the application of training developed by the Northern Region Historic Preservation Team.

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